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Letter dated 5 June 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to submit to you the joint statement of the Heads of member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization — the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan — made at the summit in Moscow on 15 May 2012 to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building Measures in Asia (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex were issued as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 26 and 34, and of the Security Council.

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Joint Statement of the Heads of States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization — the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan — on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building Measures in Asia

We, the Heads of States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, namely the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan, in connection with the twentieth anniversary of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building Measures in Asia (CICA), wish to state our endorsement of the CICA process.

The driving force behind the initiative taken by the Republic of Kazakhstan to convene CICA, as proposed by President Nazarbaev at the forty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly on 5 October 1992, was the desire to contribute to creating an effective mechanism to ensure peace and security in Asia.

We welcome the time-tested and historical choice, made by the majority of the Asian countries, to participate in CICA activities. They are united by the main goal of forging a common vision and working out a cooperative approach to existing problems, challenges and threats in the region, beginning a collective search for appropriate responses to them and also making a start on the multidimensional process of building confidence, friendship and cooperation on the Asian continent.

We note with satisfaction the progress made by the Conference, which as a result has taken its rightful place among partner organizations and mechanisms. It has acquired new capacities in order to establish itself as a forward-looking regional body for building confidence and security and is taking on tasks which include early warning, preventive diplomacy and conflict resolution in Asia.

Aware of our responsibility for ensuring a lasting peace in Eurasia, we express our willingness to cooperate with CICA on the basis of the principles of comprehensive, unified and indivisible security.